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HEALTH

SB 278 (Senate Bill 278)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2007-SB-0278>

Bill Summary:

The bill would create the Michigan Helping Ensure Affordable and Reliable Treatment Program (MI-HEART), the goal of which would be to subsidize health insurance for low-income residents of Michigan. “Resident” is defined as:

“a person living in the state, including a qualified alien, as defined by section 431 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, or a person who is not a citizen of the United States but who is otherwise permanently residing in the United States under color of law; provided, however, that the person has not moved into the state for the sole purpose of securing health coverage under this act.”

Primary Sponsor: Thomas George (Republican – Kalamazoo County, Paw Paw and Antwerp Townships in Van Buren County)

Other Sponsors: John Pappageorge, Patricia Birkholz, Randy Richardville, Wayne Kuipers, Roger Kahn, Bill Hardiman, Valde Garcia, John Gleason, Alan Sanborn, Gilda Jacobs, Gerald Van Woerkom, Cameron Brown, Samuel Thomas, Martha Scott, Liz Brater

Bill Status:

2/27/2007: Introduced in Michigan Senate

2/27/2007: Referred to Committee on Health Policy

5/2/2007: Senate Committee on Health Policy reported the bill to the full Senate, as version S-2

10/4/2007: Senate passed bill by vote of 33 to 0

10/9/2007: House referred bill to House Committee on Health Policy

DRIVER'S LICENSES AND STATE ID CARDS

HB 4505 (House Bill 4505)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2007-HB-4505>

Bill Summary:

The bill would prohibit the Secretary of State from issuing a driver's license to an individual who is in the U.S. illegally.

In addition, the bill would require that a U.S. citizen's license indicate that the individual is a citizen.

The bill would also require that an immigrant's license expire on the date that the immigrant's visa expires.

Primary Sponsor: Chris Ward (Republican – Parts of Livingston and Oakland Counties)

Other Sponsors: Tory Rocca, Lorence Wenke, Philip LaJoy, Kevin Green, Joe Hune

Bill Status:

3/21/2007: Introduced in Michigan House

3/21/2007: **Referred to Committee on Oversight and Investigations**

HB 4881 (House Bill 4881)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2007-HB-4881>

Bill Summary:

The bill would change the statutory requirements regarding issuance of a driver's license, including the creation of a "Class 2 license."

- 1) It would add the requirement that applicants provide a photo ID, a non-photo ID if it includes both the person's full legal name and date of birth, proof of the person's social security number or verification that the person is not eligible for a social security number, documentation showing the person's name and the address of his or her principal residence, and valid documentary evidence of lawful status.
- 2) It would prohibit the Secretary of State from accepting a document issued by another country, other than an official passport, to satisfy the above requirement.
- 3) It would prohibit the Secretary of State from issuing a driver's license to "a person who does not have lawful status in this state."
- 4) It would define "lawful status" to mean that the person meets one of the following: U.S. citizen; alien lawfully admitted for permanent or temporary residence in the U.S., Conditional Permanent Resident; approved asylum applicant or is a refugee; possesses a valid, unexpired nonimmigrant visa status; has a pending asylum application; has Deferred Action status; has pending application for adjustment of status to permanent residence.
- 5) "Resident" of Michigan would be defined to mean a person who has lawful status in the U.S.
- 6) Before issuing a license, the Secretary of State must verify the applicant's social security number, and must verify, with the issuing agency, the issuance, validity, and completeness of each document required to be presented above.
- 7) Certain immigrant categories above would receive a "Class 2" license, which would expire when the applicant's stay in the U.S. expires, or no more than one year if the applicant has no definite end to his authorized stay. The Class 2 license shall clearly indicate that it is temporary, shall be of a different color, and shall prominently display the date on which it expires.
- 8) A Class 2 license would only be renewed upon presenting proof that the applicant's authorized stay has been extended.
- 9) A renewal of a Class 2 license would have to be done in person (currently only sex offenders must renew in person).

Primary Sponsor: David Agema (Republican – Kent County: Alpine Township and City of Grandville; Ottawa County: City of Coopersville and Townships of Crockery, Georgetown, Polkton, Tallmadge, and Wright)

Other Sponsors: The bill has 48 other sponsors.

Bill Status:

6/07/2007: Introduced in Michigan House

6/07/2007: **Referred to House Committee on Transportation**

HB 4957 (House Bill 4957)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2007-HB-4957>

Bill Summary:

The bill would change the statutory requirements regarding issuance of a state ID card, including the creation of a "Class 2" state ID card.

- 1) It would add the requirement that applicants provide a photo ID, a non-photo ID if it includes both the person's full legal name and date of birth, proof of the person's social security number or verification that the person is not eligible for a social security number, documentation showing the person's name and the address of his or her principal residence, and valid documentary evidence of lawful status.
- 2) It would prohibit the Secretary of State from accepting a document issued by another country, other than an official passport, to satisfy the above requirement.
- 3) It would prohibit the Secretary of State from issuing a state ID card "to a person who does not have lawful status in this state."
- 4) It would define "lawful status" to mean that the person meets one of the following: U.S. citizen; alien lawfully admitted for permanent or temporary residence in the U.S., Conditional Permanent Resident; approved asylum applicant or is a refugee; possesses a valid, unexpired nonimmigrant visa status; has a pending asylum application; has Deferred Action status; has pending application for adjustment of status to permanent residence.
- 5) "Resident" of Michigan would be defined to mean a person who has lawful status in the U.S.
- 6) Before issuing a state ID card, the Secretary of State must verify the applicant's social security number, and must verify the issuance, validity, and completeness of each document required to be presented above.
- 7) Certain immigrant categories above would receive a "Class 2" state ID card, which would expire when the applicant's stay in the U.S. expires, or no more than one year if the applicant has no definite end to his authorized stay. The Class 2 state ID card shall clearly indicate that it is temporary, shall be of a different color, and shall prominently display the date on which it expires.
- 8) A Class 2 state ID card would only be renewed upon presenting proof that the applicant's authorized stay has been extended.
- 9) A renewal of a Class 2 state ID card would have to be done in person (currently only sex offenders must renew in person).

Primary Sponsor: David Agema (Republican – Kent County: Alpine Township and City of Grandville; Ottawa County: City of Coopersville and Townships of Crockery, Georgetown, Polkton, Tallmadge, and Wright)

Other Sponsors: The bill has 41 other sponsors.

Bill Status:

6/20/2007: Introduced in Michigan House

6/20/2007: Referred to House Committee on Government Operations

HB 5061 (House Bill 5061)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2007-HB-5061>

Bill Summary:

The bill would prohibit the issuance of a driver's license that contains a radio frequency identification device.

Primary Sponsor: Paul Opsommer (Republican – Gratiot County, most of Clinton County)

Other Sponsors: None

Bill Status:

7/24/2007: Introduced in Michigan House

7/24/2007: Referred to House Committee on Transportation

HR 25 (House Resolution 25)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2007-HR-0025>

Resolution Summary:

The resolution urges the U.S. Congress to fully fund the states' efforts to implement the REAL ID Act of 2005.

Primary Sponsor: David Agema (Republican – Kent County: Alpine Township and City of Grandville; Ottawa County: City of Coopersville and Townships of Crockery, Georgetown, Polkton, Tallmadge, and Wright)

Other Sponsors: John Stahl, Darwin Booher, Glenn Steil, Daniel Acciavatti, Phillip Pavlov, John Stakoe, Arlan Meekhof, Robert Dean, John Pastor, Dave Hildenbrand, Brian Palmer, Rick Jones, Steve Bieda, Lee Gonzales, Richard Hammel, Gary McDowell, Rick Shaffer, Joel Sheltroun, Steve Tobocman

Resolution Status:

2/22/2007: Introduced in Michigan House

2/22/2007: Referred to House Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life

HR 98 (House Resolution 98)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2007-HR-0098>

Resolution Summary:

The resolution urges the U.S. Congress to repeal Title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005 and to support a return to a negotiated rulemaking process with the states, as called for in S. 4117, the Identification Security Enhancement Act of 2006.

Sponsor: Paul Opsommer (Republican – Gratiot County, most of Clinton County)

Resolution Status:

5/9/2007: Introduced in Michigan House

5/9/2007: Referred to House Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life

HR 176 (House Resolution 176)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2007-HR-0176>

Resolution Summary:

The resolution urges “Congress to repeal Title II of the REAL ID Act of 2005 and to support a return to a negotiated rulemaking process with the states.”

Sponsor: John Espinoza (Democrat – Sanilac County, city of Port Huron)

Other Sponsors: 28 other sponsors

Resolution Status:

8/22/2007: Introduced in Michigan House

8/22/2007: Referred to House Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life

10/25/2007: Voted out of committee by vote of 11-0

10/29/2007: House adopted the resolution

HCR 25 (House Concurrent Resolution 25)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2007-HCR-0025>

Resolution Summary:

The resolution urges the U.S. Congress to reject the REAL ID Act of 2005. The resolution also expresses the intent of the legislature to enact no legislation nor authorize any appropriation to further the implementation of REAL ID in Michigan unless such appropriation is used exclusively for the purpose of undertaking a comprehensive analysis of the costs of implementing the REAL ID Act. The resolution also expresses the legislature’s intent to ensure that, before storing or including data about Michigan residents in any database, records facility, or computer system for purposes of meeting the requirements of the REAL ID Act, all reasonable security measures to protect the privacy of Michigan residents and all reasonable safeguards to protect against unauthorized disclosure of data shall be implemented.

Primary Sponsor: John Espinoza (Democrat – Sanilac County, city of Port Huron)

Other Sponsors: Mike Simpson (D), Kathleen Law (D), Terry Brown (D), Steve Tobocman (D), Marie Donigan (D), Jeff Mayes (D), Aldo Vagnozzi (D), Martin Griffin (D), Robert Dean (D), Brenda Clack (D), Bob Constan (D), George Cushingberry (D), Barbara Farrah (D), John Garfield (R), Matthew Gillard (D), Lee Gonzales (D), Richard Hammel (D), Ted Hammon (D), Bert Johnson (D), Rick Jones (R), Richard LeBlanc (D), Gabe Leland (D), Steven Lindberg (D), Gary McDowell (D), Mark Meadows (D), Andy Meisner (D), Gino Polidori (D), Bettie Scott (D), Alma Smith (D), Dudley Spade (D), Rebekah Warren (D)

Resolution Status:

5/22/2007: Introduced in Michigan House

5/22/2007: Referred to House Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life

HCR 28 (House Concurrent Resolution 28)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2007-HCR-0028>

Resolution Summary:

The resolution urges the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to continue to work with the states to coordinate driver's licenses with the new passport requirements to reenter the country from Canada.

Primary Sponsor: Steve Tobocman (Democrat – Detroit)

Other Sponsors: The resolution has 55 other sponsors.

Resolution Status:

6/13/2007: Introduced in Michigan House

6/13/2007: Referred to House Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life

6/28/2007: House Committee reported Resolution (version H-1) to full House

7/17/2007: House of Representatives adopted version H-1 of the Resolution

7/18/2007: Senate referred Resolution to Committee on Homeland Security & Emerging Technologies

HCR 42 (House Concurrent Resolution 42)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2007-HCR-0042>

Resolution Summary:

The resolution urges "Congress not to rely on the passport standards of the United Nation's International Civil Aviation Organization in the creation of any "dual-purpose driver's license initiative" in the United States, specifically as it would pertain to the incorporation of radio frequency identification chips into a state's driver's license."

Primary Sponsor: Paul Opsommer (Republican – Gratiot County, most of Clinton County)

Other Sponsors: Richard Ball, Darwin Booher, Richard Hammel, Geoff Hansen, Kenneth Horn, Tom Pearce, Bettie Scott, Rick Shaffer, John Stahl, Steve Tobocman

Resolution Status:

8/30/2007: Introduced in Michigan House

8/30/2007: Referred to House Committee on Transportation

SB 99 (Senate Bill 99)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2007-SB-0099>

Bill Summary:

The bill would change Michigan's law regarding eligibility for a state I.D. card. Specifically the bill would add a requirement that an applicant present documents that are sufficient to show that the applicant is a U.S. citizen or "resident alien lawfully admitted to the United States."

The bill would also add a requirement that a state I.D. card issued to a non-citizen would expire on the date that his or her presence in the U.S. becomes unlawful.

Primary Sponsor: Judson Gilbert (Republican – Lapeer and St. Clair Counties)

Bill Status:

1/25/2007: Introduced in Michigan Senate

1/25/2007: Referred to Committee on Transportation

SB 653 (Senate Bill 653)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2007-SB-0653>

Bill Summary:

The bill's original content is the same as the original content of HB 4881 above (creation of a Class 2 driver's license).

Primary Sponsor: Alan Sanborn (Republican – part of Macomb County)

Other Sponsors: None

Bill Status:

7/25/2007: Introduced in Michigan Senate

7/25/2007: Referred to Senate Committee on Transportation

SB 654 (Senate Bill 654)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2007-SB-0654>

Bill Summary:

The bill's original content is the same as the original content of HB 4957 above (creation of a Class 2 state ID card).

Primary Sponsor: Alan Sanborn (Republican – part of Macomb County)

Other Sponsors: None

Bill Status:

7/25/2007: Introduced in Michigan Senate

7/25/2007: **Referred to Senate Committee on Transportation**

SR 20 (Senate Resolution 20)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2007-SR-0020>

Resolution Summary:

The resolution urges the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to complete an economic analysis of the costs of compliance with the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

Primary Sponsor: John Pappageorge (Republican – part of Oakland County: Berkely, Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Hills, Clawson, Madison Heights, Royal Oak, Troy)

Other Sponsors: Cameron Brown, Randy Richardville, Roger Kahn, Patricia Birkholz, Valde Garcia, Nancy Cassis, Judson Gilbert, John Gleason, Mark Jansen, Ron Jelinek, Wayne Kuipers, Michael Switalski

Resolution Status:

3/7/2007: Referred to Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Emerging Technologies

3/13/2007: Adopted by Senate committee by vote of 7-0

3/21/2007: **Adopted by the full Senate**

SR 21 (Senate Resolution 21)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2007-SR-0021>

Resolution Summary:

The resolution memorializes the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to develop a pilot program in Michigan for a dual purpose driver's license/personal identification card to comply with the provisions of the federal REAL ID Act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

Primary Sponsor: Cameron Brown (Republican – Branch, Hillsdale, Lenawee, and St. Joseph Counties)

Other Sponsors: Judson Gilbert, John Pappageorge, Valde Garcia, Randy Richardville, Mark Jansen, Patricia Birkholz, Roger Kahn, Jason Allen, Nancy Cassis, Ron Jelinek, Michael Switalski

Resolution Status:

3/7/2007: Referred to Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Emerging Technologies

3/13/2007: Adopted by Senate committee by vote of 7-0

3/21/2007: **Adopted by the full Senate**

SR 62 (Senate Resolution 62)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2007-SR-0062>

Resolution Summary:

The resolution urges the U.S. Congress to reject the REAL ID Act of 2005. The resolution also expresses the intent of the legislature to enact no legislation nor authorize any appropriation to further the implementation of REAL ID in Michigan unless such appropriation is used exclusively for the purpose of undertaking a comprehensive analysis of the costs of implementing the REAL ID Act. The resolution also expresses the legislature's intent to ensure that, before storing or including data about Michigan residents in any database, records facility, or computer system for purposes of meeting the requirements of the REAL ID Act, all reasonable security measures to protect the privacy of Michigan residents and all reasonable safeguards to protect against unauthorized disclosure of data shall be implemented.

Primary Sponsor: Gilda Jacobs (Democrat – Huntington Woods)

Other Sponsors: Jim Barcia (D-Bay City), Glenn Anderson (D-Westland), Hansen Clarke (D-Detroit), John Gleason (D-Flushing), Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek) Michael Switalski (D-Roseville)

Resolution Status:

5/22/2007: Introduced in Michigan Senate

5/22/2007: **Referred to Committee on Transportation**

SCR 3 (Senate Concurrent Resolution 3)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2007-SCR-0003>

Resolution Summary:

The resolution urges the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to work with the states to coordinate development of REAL-ID-compliant driver's licenses that may also be presented in lieu of a passport, to satisfy the federal rule that as of 1/1/2008, U.S. citizens re-entering the United States by land from Canada must have a valid U.S. passport.

Primary Sponsor: Judson Gilbert (Republican – Lapeer and St. Clair Counties)

Other Sponsors: Jason Allen, Wayne Kuipers, Alan Sanborn, Mark Jansen, Alan Cropsey, Patricia Birkholz, John Pappageorge, Hansen Clarke, John Gleason, Randy Richardville

Resolution Status:

1/30/2007: Introduced in Michigan Senate

1/30/2007: Referred to Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Emerging Technologies

2/06/2007: Senate Committee passed the Resolution 5 to 0 as amended in version S-1

2/08/2007: Senate placed the Resolution on the Order of Resolutions

2/13/2007: Senate adopted the Resolution as amended in substitute version S-1

2/13/2007: **House referred resolution to Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life**

EDUCATION

HB 4093 (House Bill 4093)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2007-HB-4093>

Bill Summary:

This bill would create the Veterans Tuition Waiver Program. The program would provide tuition waivers to at eligible institutions for qualified veterans. Among other requirements, the individual's service must have included service in the Persian Gulf combat zone as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom or in central or southern Asia as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Under the bill, in order to be eligible for assistance,, the veteran would have to be a U.S. citizen or Legal Permanent Resident

Primary Sponsor: Aldo Vagnozzi (Democrat – Cities of Farmington Hills and Farmington in Oakland County)

Other Sponsors: Pam Byrnes, Mark Meadows, Lee Gonzales, LaMar Lemmons, Steve Tobocman, Tim Melton, Martin Griffin, Terry Brown, Frank Accavitti, Matthew Gillard, Robert Dean, Paul Condino, Coleman Young

Bill Status:

1/23/2007: Introduced in Michigan House

1/23/2007: **Referred to Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security**

HB 4096 (House Bill 4096)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2007-HB-4096>

Bill Summary:

This bill would create the Michigan Opportunity Scholarship. To be eligible, students must graduate high school or obtain a G.E.D.

Under the bill, in order to be eligible for assistance, students must be U.S. citizens, have resided in Michigan for the preceding 12 months, not be considered a resident of any other state, and must not be incarcerated. Under this language, any student who is not a U.S. citizen would be ineligible.

The bill would also repeal the following existing state educational programs: State Competitive Scholarship, Tuition Grant, Payment for Earned Degrees, Part-Time Independent Student Grants, Michigan Educational Opportunity Grant Program, and Michigan Work-Study Program.

Primary Sponsor: Aldo Vagnozzi (Democrat – Cities of Farmington Hills and Farmington in Oakland County)

Other Sponsors: Pam Byrnes (Democrat – Ann Arbor, and other parts of Washtenaw County)

Lee Gonzales (Democrat – part of city of Flint, city of Swartz Creek, other parts of Genesee County)

Bob Constan (Democrat – parts of cities of Allen Park & Dearborn Heights, cities of Garden City and Inkster, all in Wayne County)

LaMar Lemmons Jr. (Democrat – part of city of Detroit)

George Cushingberry Jr. (Democrat - part of city of Detroit)

Brenda Clack (Democrat – part of city of Flint)

Bill Status:

1/23/2007: Introduced in Michigan House

1/23/2007: **Referred to Committee on Education**

IMMIGRATION; STATE PROGRAMS GENERALLY

HB 4100 (House Bill 4100)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2007-HB-4100>

Bill Summary:

The bill would require the Department of Management and Budget to report to the legislature on the amount of goods and services purchased by all state agencies in the prior fiscal year that were manufactured or provided by an individual who is not a U.S. citizen, a legal resident alien, or an individual who holds a valid visa.

Primary Sponsor: Lisa Wojno (Democrat – part of Macomb County and part of city of Warren)

Bill Status:

1/23/2007: Introduced in Michigan House

1/23/2007: Referred to House Committee on Government Operations

3/20/2007: House Committee voted to report the bill to the full House by vote of 7-0

3/22/2007: Full House passed the bill by vote of 107 to 0

3/27/2007: **Referred to Senate Committee on Government Operations and Reform**

HB 4397 (House Bill 4397)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2007-HB-4397>

Bill Summary:

The bill would prohibit all state agencies from entering into a contract for the purchase of services unless the contract provides that only U.S. citizens, legal resident aliens, and “individuals with a valid visa” shall perform the services under that contract or any subcontract. A contract shall contain a provision allowing the state agency to disallow payment of any portion of a contracted service where the service was performed by a person not in any of the above categories. The state agency shall not disallow payment of any portion of a contracted service if the contractor has used an electronic verification system to verify the eligibility of its workers.

Primary Sponsor: David Agema (Republican – Kent County: Alpine Township and City of Grandville; Ottawa County: City of Coopersville and Townships of Crockery, Georgetown, Polkton, Tallmadge, and Wright)

Other Sponsors: The bill has 20 other sponsors.

Bill Status:

3/6/2007: Introduced in Michigan House

3/6/2007: **Referred to House Committee on Oversight and Investigations**

HB 4406 (House Bill 4406)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2007-HB-4406>

Bill Summary:

The bill would designate English as the official state language. The bill also states that, except as otherwise provided by law, a state agency is not required to provide documents, publish written materials, or provide website content in any other language.

Primary Sponsor: Jacob Hoogendyk (Republican -City of Portage, part of Kalamazoo County)

Other Sponsors: The bill has 49 other sponsors. One Democrat is a sponsor (Joel Sheltrown of Iosco, Missaukee, Ogemaw, and Roscommon Counties). All Republicans except three are sponsors: Tom Pearce (northern Kent County), Tonya Schuitmaker (Van Buren County and Otsego Township in Allegan County), and Lorence Wenke (parts of Kalamazoo and Calhoun Counties)

Bill Status:

3/6/2007: Introduced in Michigan House

3/6/2007: **Referred to House Committee on Oversight and Investigations**

HB 4559 (House Bill 4559)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2007-HB-4559>

Bill Summary:

The bill would create a new act, the Entrepreneurship Education Act, under which eligible students could receive a one-time reimbursement for tuition paid for courses in "entrepreneurship." The maximum amount of reimbursement would be \$300, and students would apply to the Department of Labor and Economic Growth for reimbursement.

To be eligible, students would need to have resided in the state for the 12 months immediately preceding the academic year and not be a resident of another state, and not have been convicted of a felony involving an assault, physical injury, or death. DLEG could impose other standards through the promulgation of rules. Reimbursements would be paid out of an Entrepreneurship Education Grant Fund created by the bill.

To be eligible, students must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. No other immigrant categories would be eligible.

Primary Sponsor: Andy Meisner (Democrat – part of Oakland County: cities of Berkley, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge, and part of Oak Park)

Other Sponsors: The bill has 29 other sponsors.

Bill Status:

3/29/2007: Introduced in Michigan House

3/29/2007: Referred to House Committee on Commerce

11/8/2007: **Committee voted to report the bill to the full House as Substitute S-1, by vote of 16-1**

HB 5062 (House Bill 5062)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2007-HB-5062>

Bill Summary:

The bill would require the auditor general to conduct a study that estimates the cost of state payments made to illegal immigrants and the cost of state services used by illegal immigrants. The bill would also require a study of all available state remedies to recover any money owing from the federal government for the reimbursement of costs incurred by the state resulting from illegal immigration.

Primary Sponsor: Paul Opsommer (Republican – Gratiot County, most of Clinton County)

Other Sponsors: Kevin Green (R), David Agema (R), Rick Shaffer (R), Chuck Moss (R), Arlan Meekhof (R), Jacob Hoogendyk (R), John Stahl (R), Judy Emmons (R)

Bill Status:

7/24/2007: Introduced in Michigan House

7/24/2007: **Referred to House Committee on Government Operations**

HB 5211 (House Bill 5211)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2007-HB-5211>

Bill Summary:

The bill would prohibit local units of government from enacting or enforcing any law, ordinance, policy, or rule that limits or prohibits local officials, officers, or employees from communicating or cooperating with appropriate federal officials concerning the immigration status of individuals.

The governmental unit would be required to provide written notice to each official, officer, and employee within the governmental unit of his or her duty to cooperate with appropriate federal and state officials concerning the enforcement of federal and state immigration laws.

The bill states that a peace officer who has probable cause to believe that an individual under arrest is not legally present in the U.S. shall report that individual to the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

If a local unit of government fails to comply with one or more sections of this act, the state treasurer shall accordingly withhold the total annual payment amount that the governmental unit received under the state revenue sharing act.

Primary Sponsor: Kim Meltzer (Republican – Macomb County: Macomb Township, Ray Township, part of Clinton Township)

Other Sponsors: Chuck Moss (R), Jack Brandenburg (R), Brian Calley (R), David Agema (R), Mike Nofs (R), Fulton Sheen (R), John Stahl (R), Kevin Elsenheimer (R), Arlan Meekhof (R), Edward Gaffney (R), Joe Hune (R), Chris Ward (R), John Garfield (R)

Bill Status:

9/15/2007: Introduced in Michigan House

9/15/2007: Referred to House Committee on Oversight and Investigations

HB 5337 (House Bill 5337)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2007-HB-5337>

Bill Summary:

This bill would require that all persons in Michigan who submit a voter registration application must provide proof of U.S. citizenship. Currently, applicants must sign statements under penalty of perjury indicating that they are U.S. citizens.

The bill states that the person processing voter registration applications (for example, at the Secretary of State office, a voter registration agency, or the clerk of a county, city, township, or village) will decide if satisfactory evidence of citizenship is presented. "Satisfactory evidence" includes:

- (1) a driver's license or state ID number from Michigan or another state, if that state indicates on the license or card that the person has provided satisfactory evidence of US citizenship
- (2) photocopy of the applicant's birth certificate that "verifies United States citizenship to the satisfaction of the person processing the voter registration application"
- (3) photocopy of the pertinent pages of the applicant's U.S. passport
- (4) the applicant's naturalization documents. If only the number of the certificate of naturalization is provided, then the applicant shall not be added to the registered voter rolls "until the person processing the application verifies the number of the certificate of naturalization with the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service."
- (5) other documents or proof that are used to establish US citizenship pursuant to the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986
- (6) the applicant's Bureau of Indian Affairs card number, tribal treaty card number, or tribal enrollment number

According to the bill, persons already registered to vote in Michigan would not have to present proof of citizenship unless they move their residence to another city, township or village.

According to the bill, the city, township, or village clerk must keep the documents that were submitted to prove citizenship for at least 2 years, after which time the documents may be destroyed.

Primary Sponsor: David Law (Republican – Oakland County: Commerce Township and part of West Bloomfield Township)

Bill Status:

10/23/2007: Introduced in Michigan House

10/23/2007: Referred to Committee on Oversight and Investigations

HR 10 (House Resolution 10)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2007-HR-0010>

Resolution Summary:

This resolution would “memorialize the United States Congress to adopt and present to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution to prohibit the counting of illegal immigrants in the tabulations of population for purposes of apportioning members of Congress among the states.”

Primary Sponsor: Glenn Steil Jr. (R-Kent County: Kentwood, Townships of Cascade, Gaines, and Caledonia)

Other Sponsors: 19 other sponsors

Resolution Status:

1/23/2007: Introduced in Michigan House

1/23/2007: **Referred to House Committee on Oversight and Investigations**

HR 183 (House Resolution 183)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectName=2007-HR-0183>

Resolution Summary:

The resolution urges the U.S. Congress to continue exempting returning workers allowed into this country under the H2B visa program by passing federal bill H.R. 1843. The H2B visa program allows foreign nationals into the U.S. to perform work for seasonal non-agricultural employers.

Primary Sponsor: Gary McDowell (D – Counties of Chippewa, Emmett, and Mackinac; Koehler and Tuscarora Townships in Cheboygan County)

Other Sponsors: 26 other sponsors

Resolution Status:

9/14/2007: Introduced in Michigan House

9/14/2007: Referred to House Committee on Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources

9/25/2007: Motion to discharge committee approved

9/25/2007: Adopted by full House with Substitute version H-1

9/26/2007: Vote on adoption reconsidered

10/3/2007: **Adopted by full House with Substitute version H-2**

SB 31 (Senate Bill 31)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2007-SB-0031>

Bill Summary:

The bill would amend the Corrections Code to state that a prisoner who is an alien subject to an order of deportation upon release from incarceration shall be interviewed by one member of the parole board each year until the prisoner is paroled or discharged.

Primary Sponsor: Michael Switalski (Democrat – Part of Macomb County: Clinton Township, cities of Roseville, Sterling Heights, Utica)

Bill Status:

1/24/2007: Introduced in Michigan Senate

1/24/2007: **Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary**

SB 154 (Senate Bill 154)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2007-SB-0154>

Bill Summary:

The bill would increase the dependent benefit that is added to a recipient of unemployment benefits from \$6 to \$20 per dependent, up to a maximum of five dependents.

The bill would also add the following provision:

“The Unemployment Agency shall require each individual who applies for benefits to supply information sufficient to determine citizenship or alien status eligibility.”

Michigan law currently does not contain a requirement that U.S. citizens must present documentation to prove citizenship. The bill does not specify whether the above phrase “information sufficient to determine citizenship” would require citizens to provide documents sufficient to prove citizenship or whether an attestation would continue to be sufficient.

Primary Sponsor: John Gleason (Democrat – Part of Genesee County, including the cities of Flint and Swartz Creek)

Other Sponsors: This bill has 14 other sponsors; all Democrats. Only Senate Democrats not sponsoring the bill are Jim Barcia and Samuel Buzz Thomas III.

Bill Status:

2/1/2007: Introduced in Michigan Senate

2/1/2007: Referred to Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism

SR 96 (Senate Resolution 96)

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2007-SR-0096>

Resolution Summary:

This resolution would “memorialize the Congress of the United States to extend the H2B returning worker exemption permanently.”

Primary Sponsor: Jason Allen (R-Counties of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Mackinaw, Presque Isle)

Other Sponsors: Glenn Anderson, John Gleason, Gilda Jacobs, Roger Kahn, John Pappageorge, Michael Prusi

Resolution Status:

9/6/2007: Introduced in Michigan Senate

9/6/2007: Referred to Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism

9/11/2007: Senate committee reported out the resolution by vote of 5-0

9/18/2007: Adopted by Senate
